

Appl. No. 10/652,325
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. These sheets replace the original sheets including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, Applicants have amended Fig. 1 to provide for a bedroll blade spacing, A, and a chop off roll blade spacing, B, therein.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

The paragraphs beginning on page 3, line 17 and page 4, line 33 of the specification have been amended to provide for a call out for the bedroll blade spacing and the chop off roll blade spacing. Specifically, the specification and drawings associated thereto, have been amended to provide for call out A representing the bedroll blade spacing and call out B to identify the associated chop off roll blade spacing. No new matter has been presented in the specification as Applicants fully believe the instant amendments merely clarify the previously disclosed, and claimed, subject matter.

Claims 9-19 have been cancelled as they have been withdrawn from further consideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 3 has been amended to require that the bedroll comprise at least two bedroll blades. Support for the current amendment is found on Fig. 1 as originally presented. Likewise, Claim 20 has been amended to require the bedroll chop off assembly to comprise at least one web pin having a distal portion and at least two bedroll blades. Support for the current amendment to Claim 20 is found in Fig. 1 as originally presented. No new matter has been presented in currently amended Claims 3 or 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 20-24 have been deemed allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants thank the Examiner for this determination.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has deemed the restriction requirement with respect to Claims 9-19 of the instant application as final. In order to expedite issuance of the instant application, Applicants have cancelled Claims 9-19 inclusive herein.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the instant drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that 35 USC §113 requires the Applicant to furnish a drawing **where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter to be patented**. Likewise, 37 C.F.R. §1.81(a) states that "the Applicant for a patent is required to furnish a drawing of his or her invention **where necessary for the understanding of**

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the subject matter sought to be patented.” Thus, Applicants believe that one of skill in the art would understand the instant claims, absent the currently requested amendments to the drawings requested by the Examiner. However, in order to expedite issuance of the instant application, Applicants have earnestly attempted to obviate the current objections to the drawings.

With regard to the Examiner’s objection that the “at least three blades disposed generally transverse to the direction of travel” as required by Claims 3 and 20, Applicants have amended Claims 3 and 20 herein to provide for a bedroll comprising at least two bedroll blades. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner’s attention to Figs. 1 and 2 as previously presented for support of a bedroll 100 comprising at least two bedroll blades 140. Therefore, Applicants believe that this objection to the drawings has been obviated.

With regard to the Examiner’s objection to the drawings for providing a bedroll blade spacing as set forth in Claim 4, Applicants have amended the specification and Fig. 1 to provide for the bedroll blade spacing, A, herein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to remove this objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a).

With regard to the Examiner’s objection to the drawings with regards to Claims 8 and 24, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner’s attention to Fig. 2 as originally presented. Applicants indeed provide for at least two web pin pads 230, 250 in the drawing. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner’s objection to the drawings with respect to the subject matter claimed in Claims 8 and 24 herein under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). For the Examiner’s convenience, a courtesy copy of the replacement sheet showing the current amendments is provided herein.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 20-24 and requested that Applicants amend the instant claims to provide clarity. Inasmuch as the Examiner requests the instant amendments to provide clarity to the instant claims, absent any prior art cited by the Examiner requiring such an amendment, Applicants respectfully decline to provide the requested amendments to the instant claims. However, please note that the Examiner’s objection to Claim 20, line 9 has been obviated by Applicant’s amendment herein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the Examiner’s objection to Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 20-24 herewith.

Conclusion

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Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicants' remaining claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §513, and no additional fees are believed due. If any additional charges are due, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such charge from our Deposit Account No. 16-2480 is the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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